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General Nathan F. Twining
Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Twining:

I have discussed at some length with General Cabell the planned Air Force U-2 program as presented in your letter of 2 February 1957.

Your approval of the deployment of Detachment C to Atsugi, Japan, is greatly appreciated. As soon as Admiral Burke grants us access to that base we shall arrange to have necessary hangar modifications carried out expeditiously and subsequently to have the Detachment deployed. We will make additional space available to the Air Force at [] just as rapidly as possible so that the Air Force U-2 training can proceed there free from the limitations currently imposed by the presence of Detachment C.

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When Detachment C completes its move from [] only a small group of CIA representatives will remain there and the only continuing activities of this Agency will be the completion of the research and development program related to this project. I may remind you that the development work which remains to be completed is highly classified which precludes its move to another location and is of very direct interest to the Air Force. I am confident that our remaining requirements will not seriously interfere with the Air Force program.

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The senior CIA representative remaining at [] after the deployment of Detachment C will be a support commander who will be responsible for the administration of base support and who will handle relations with the company that furnishes base maintenance and messing

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and relations with [redacted] concerning the support of activities at [redacted]. Two senior security officers will act as advisers to the USAF officer in charge of security. One USAF Captain will handle the remaining R & D effort on our final pieces of equipment. CIA communications cryptographers will be needed in sending and receiving Agency message traffic. CIA supply men and administrative clerks will assist in the base support function. All of these Agency personnel will be [redacted]. I understand this procedure has been discussed and agreed to by USAF and Agency planning groups. Except for this small Agency group, the USAF shall have complete operational and security control during its occupancy.

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I completely accept your view that the USAF must establish as expeditiously as possible, against the contingency of a war emergency, a reconnaissance capability based on the U-2. While I would like to concur fully in your plan for bringing this capability into being, I feel I must call your attention at this time to a problem which may arise in the future if the steps outlined in your letter are taken as and when presently planned. I do so not for the purpose of proposing that you now modify or delay the Air Force program but because I believe we should be prepared together to review this problem at a later date if it should arise.

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I realize, of course, that events may render this fear irrelevant or may lead us to conclude that the risk is not sufficiently serious to justify any modification of your program. I do believe, however, that it will be desirable for us to review the situation together about 1 May 1957 or, in any case, several weeks before the redesignation of the 4028th and 4029th Squadrons or their move to Laughlin Air Force Base with U-2 aircraft. If we should find at that time that the redesignation or move would jeopardize the security of our joint Project, I hope you would then consider making necessary modifications in your program so as not to jeopardize a going action so vital to the interests of both our Agencies. I also request that in the meanwhile every effort be made to maintain a degree of compartmentation between the Air Force units at [] and the [] Wing so that the former will not come to be associated with the latter either publicly or widely within the Air Force until the actual move takes place.

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Subject only to the above comments, I concur in the USAF proposed program presented in your letter. I wish to assure you again we will do everything in our power to facilitate and expedite the program.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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